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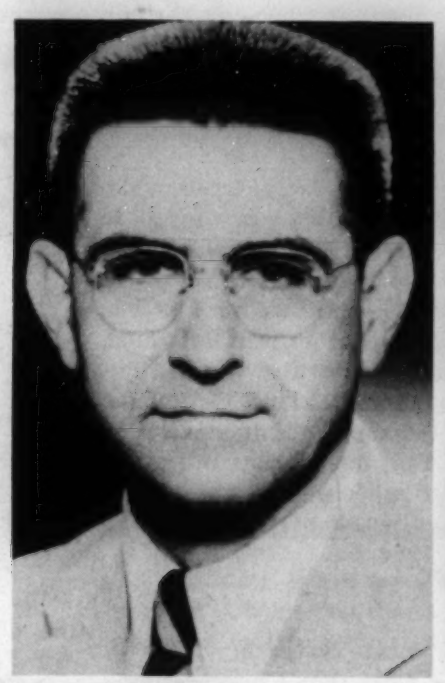

Donald West

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AREA

ASSEMBLY

Spokane

OCTOBER 17-19

At a recent conference in Indianapolis, Dr. Gaines M. Cook, right, above, discusses the objectives of the forthcoming Area Assemblies with guest speakers Dr. Forrest Richeson, Minneapolis, and Dr. Granville Walker, Fort Worth.

Some of the speakers for the Northwe Area Assembly at Spokane are pictured this page. The Assembly sessions are the Central Christian Church, Third a Stevens Street.

THE AREA ASSEMBLY DRAWS A WIDE VARIETY OF LEADERS TO SPOKANE, AS ILLUSTRATED BY . . .

THE COVER PICTURES

The pictures on the front cover were chosen to illustrate the wide variety of leadership that is contributing to the Northwest Area Assembly at Spokane, October 17-19. There are lay leaders, ministerial leaders, administrators; preachers, teachers, businessmen, lawyers, housewives, local leaders and national leaders.

Harold Johnson, member of a prominent law firm in Eugene, represents the lay leader. Mr. Johnson will speak to the assembled delegates on the subject, "Lay Responsibility in the Church." He will also serve as one of the resource leaders in the Wednesday afternoon workshop on Christian Stewardship. Harold Johnson should speak with authority in the fields of lay responsibility and Christian stewardship, as he has been an active member of the official board at the First Christian Church at Eugene—all this during a period of intense activity involving the fostering of suburban churches in the Eugene area and the remodeling of the church's educational plant.

Donald F. West

Donald West represents preacher, teacher, administrator, and national leader, all in one person. Dr. West will speak on "Christian World Concerns and Outreach" Wednesday morning, October 19, and he will preside at the Wednesday afternoon workshop on the same topic.

Dr. West is in charge of the Christian missions in India, Thailand, and the Philippines of the United Christian Missionary Society. It was as a research Fellow of Yale University at the American School of Oriental Research in Jerusalem concentrating in Biblical archaeology that he became deeply interested in world missions, for it was there in Palestine, Egypt, and Lebanon that he observed missionaries at work.

Returning from the Holy Lands, Mr. West became an instructor at the Bible Chair at Texas Tech. College, Lubbock, Texas, and associate minister of the First Christian Church there. From here he was called to a pastorate at Fulton, Missouri, and his subsequent pastorates were at Pomona, California, and Oakland, California. He became a missions administrator in October, 1950. For his Christian leadership, Dr. West was conferred the honorary Doctor of Divinity degree by Chapman College, March, 1954.

Glen Holman

Glen Holman, State Secretary-Director of the Montana Christian Churches, represents the minister and administrator. Mr. Holman, a native of Montana, received the degree of Bachelor of Theology at Northwest Christian College, Eugene; Bachelor of Science at the University of Oregon; and Bachelor of Divinity at Texas Christian University. He held a pastorate at Anaconda, Montana, and served as Director of Religious Education in Montana during the year 1950. Mr. Holman will address the assembled delegates on "Christian Education", at the Wednesday morning session.

Bottom picture

In the picture at the bottom of the cover Gaines M. Cook (see the September issue of the **Oregon Christian**) represents the national administrator, as he is Executive Secretary of the International Convention of Disciples of Christ. Forrest L. Richeson, also discussed in last month's **Oregon Christian,** represents the nationally known minister. He is pastor of the First Christian Church in Minneapolis, where he has served for the last 16½ years.

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Earl H. Van Doren

Earl H. Van Doren, State Secretary for Washington and Northern Idaho, is scheduled to speak to the Area Assembly at its Tuesday morning session, October 18. His subject is: "What is the Score in the State or Area?"

Mr. Van Doren, a graduate of Spokane University, has been active in civic and church affairs in Washington since 1937.

Oregonians are on the list of resource leaders for Wednesday afternoon workshops.

ADDITIONAL DETAILS ON PROGRAM AT AREA ASSEMBLY

The Wednesday afternoon program at the Area Assembly at Spokane features five workshops dealing with major areas of the long range program of the Disciples of Christ. The workshops began at les of Christ. The workshops begin at p.m.

Dr. Gaines M. Cook presides at the workshop on Church Development. Resource leaders include **C. C. Roberts,** Burton R. Brown, Mrs. Robert MacCannell, **Donald Payne,** John Paul Pack, and Rolland H. Sheafor.

Morris H. Pullin presides at the workshop on Christian Education. Resource leaders include **Mrs. Oakley Rhay,** Mrs. Roy C. Jacobs, **Loma Mae Jones, Robert L. Neal,** Glen A. Holman, Jasper C. Havens, Joe R. White, Mary Elliott, W. G. Moseley, and **Ross J. Griffeth.**

Donald F. West presides over the workshop on Christian World Concerns and Outreach. Resource leaders at this workshop include **Mrs. Ross J. Griffeth,** Clinton Rigg, Mrs. Merle M. Hood, Mrs. A. E. DeAtley, **Myron C. Cole,** Fred D. Sawyer, Jessie M. Trout, J. Eric Carlson, Clarice Pittman, **Howard C. Cole,** Mrs. C. H. Meyers, **Mrs. Edna L. Burke, Mrs. E. Pearl Finley,** Mrs. Claude H. Lorimer, and **Hugh B. Elliott.**

Roy L. Thorp presides over the workshop on Christian Stewardship. Resource leaders at this workshop are Orval D. Peterson, Mrs. John T. Waite, **A. W. Mortensen,** Earl H. Van Doren, **Harold V. Johnson, Jr., and Orville F. Mick.**

Samuel F. Pugh presides over the workshop on the Christian Ministry. Resource leaders are **Ward Rice,** Mrs. Roy C. Gumm, **Charles H. Addleman, Guy J. Wright,** and **Wayne A. Greene.**

NEWS & PICTURES

For Next Issue

Due at State Office Before

OCTOBER 15

Officers of Eugene Christian House in a planning session at the Elliott's home: (left to right) Bob Randall (Billings and Eugene); Jean Miller (St. Helens); Rosalind Lowrance (Eugene); Gennie Eachus (Nyssa); Lyle Spears (Chehalis); Sally Byron (Roseburg); June Fulco (Grants Pass); Nell Carlson (Washington); and Dick Fishback (Burns).

NEWS OF THE CHRISTIAN HOUSES

DULCINA ELLIOTT REPORTS FROM EUGENE CHRISTIAN HOUSE

"Christian Ways for College Days" was an apt subject for discussion at the first meeting of the year at the Eugene Christian House. It really states the purposes of our Christian House programs on both campuses.

The opening event of Freshman Week at the University of Oregon for the third successive year was Suppers at the religious centers, which provides a fine informal opportunity for Christian House leaders to meet new students the first day they arrive on campus. This year's Supper was Sunday, September 18. On Worldwide Communion Sunday evening, October 2, First Christian Church in Eugene was host to all students at an evening dinner at the church. The Christian Women's Fellowship prepared and served the meal.

The Fall Retreat and Planning Conference is scheduled for Saturday, October 22nd, at Kitson Springs Resort. Results of the Spring Retreat at Waldport will be transferred into action programs, using the spring notes recorded by Alice Cashman of Portland, who served as secretary.

Student Membership in the college town is emphasized throughout the first weeks of school. It is hoped that home town pastors and leaders will encourage students to thus affiliate with the church in Eugene for the school year, since student membership in no way affects permanent membership in the home church but does give the student a church home while he is on campus.

LAWRENCE PORTER
Minister to Students
CORVALLIS CHRISTIAN HOUSE

First event for fall term at Corvallis Christian House was open house for students on Sunday, September 18. Homemade doughnuts were served. Later in the evening Lawrence and Zelda May Porter attended a reception at International House for foreign students.

We thank the many ministers over the state who have sent us a list of their young people who are attending Oregon State College this fall.

H. Lawrence Porter, Minister to Students, states that Corvallis Christian House is almost completely redecorated and all set for a new year of activities. Mr. Porter reports that to date he has heard from 132 of the new freshmen who are members of the Christian Church or attend the Christian Church.

Northwest Christian College

Planning for the year at N.C.C. L. to R.: Ross J. Griffeth, George C. Shoemaker, William Siefke, and Guy J. Wright.

Children of Northwest Christian College faculty members at Kitson Springs.

Mary Stevens Cok and Frank L. Cook, newest bride and groom of the N.C.C. faculty. Mrs. Cook is Dean Emeritus of the College.

—By Ross J. Griffeth

The opening Convocation service at Northwest Christian College was held in the First Christian Church of Eugene in order to accommodate the large number who wished to attend the service.

Highlight of the evening was the awarding of honorary Doctor's degrees to Kenneth C. Hendricks and his wife, Grace Paul Hendricks. Both of these graduated from Eugene Bible University in 1919.

The Doctor of Divinity degree was awarded to Kenneth C. Hendricks and the Doctor of Christian Education was conferred on Grace P. Hendricks. Both have been engaged in educational work in Japan and, as leaders in both educational and missionary service ,have rendered outstanding service in times of exceptional stress.

"RETREAT"

The Faculty and Staff of N.C.C. spent an afternoon and evening at Kitson Springs to enjoy a period of fellowship and to complete details of arrangements for the school year. Every indication in advance of the opening of school was that the enrollment would be approximately the same as the previous year.

Special guests at the retreat were Frank L. Cook and Mary Stevens Cook, the newest bride and groom of the N.C.C. Faculty. Mrs. Cook is Dean Emeritus of the College.

LOOKING AHEAD

On November 4 and 5, Dr. Robert S. Hicks, Associate Director of The American Institute of Family Relations, will conduct an Institute at Northwest Christian College. The Institute will be open to the public and a small fee will be charged to cover costs. The Institute will be of exceptional value to pastors and others who are called upon to help develop proper relationships within families.

Crowded shelves, Northwest Christian College Library.

MEETING NEEDS

Although Northwest Christian College graduated her largest class in the history of the institution, with ten more men in it preparing for service with the churches than in the graduating class of any other Christian Church supported college, the need for pastors and missionaries is far from being met. Now is the time to encourage the best high school students to begin preparation to enter Northwest Christian College and get ready to serve Christ and His church in some special way.

COST

Every time we make a purchase at Northwest Christian College we are made aware of the high cost of the items used. Also, the increase in wages is apparent and increased costs. Thus it is necessary for the College to secure increased contributions in order to make its program of education fully effective.

Week of the Ministry October 9-16 to Be Observed by Pin Presentation

Pension Fund Urges Exalting of Ministry

October 9-16 has been designated as "The Week of the Ministry." The Pension Fund of the Disciples of Christ urges that congregations join in observing the Week by exalting the ministry.

The minister is preacher, counsellor, pastor, administrator, and God's man. He is also a teacher, and because of his "high calling," his example and his expressed thoughts are important in the lives of his fellow men.

As a teacher, the minister must interpret the happenings of the world in the lights of God's truth. The more he understands that which is taking place, the better he knows his "sheep," the greater the influence of God brings to the problems of life.

As a part of the Week's observance, many congregations will extend special recognition by giving service pins to retired ministers in their group.

Hawley Congratulates Oregon for Gain in Giving

Mr. Charles H. Addleman
603 Panama Building
Portland 4, Oregon

Dear Charlie:

Today I have looked over the state comparatives for the year closing June 30, 1955. I want to give you the information on Oregon even though you are not in Unified Promotion.

As of June 30, 1955, according to our figures Oregon gained $4,656.52 over June 30, 1954, which is a 7.7% gain.

The gain at the close of the year over June 1950 was $24,549.44, which is an increase of 61%.

This is a great victory by the churches and organizations in Oregon. I want to express through you my appreciation to them. I am, also, unusually grateful to you and your colleagues in the work and your cooperation.

Very sincerely yours,
C. O. Hawley

OBSERVE . . .

CHRISTIAN LITERATURE WEEK
OCTOBER 30 -NOVEMBER 6

The Commission on the Promotion of Christian Literature has made elaborate plans for the observance of Christian Literature Week in the churches across the Brotherhood. All of these plans are wrapped up in a neat packet which was mailed to the churches about the first of September. The packet will include:

1. A gorgeous poster lithographed in two colors.
2. A manual giving information as to how any local church might observe this week.
3. Three 3-minute talks.
4. A Bible-reading plan covering suggested readings in the Bible, religious books, and magazines.
5. A count-on-us card.
6. A new library plan offering 20% discount to churches.

The Commission is very anxious that all of our churches observe this week and be counted — so when you receive the packet, fill out and return the "Count-on-Us" card that you will find enclosed in the packet, and return it to the Commission on the Promotion of Christian Literature, Box 179, St. Louis, Mo.

For further information write to The Committee on the Promotion of Christian Literature, Box 179, St. Louis 3, Misouri.

WATTERS SCHEDULED FOR SCHOOL OF MISSIONS

Dr. and Mrs. A. C. Watters are scheduled to hold a School of Missions at the St. Johns Christian Church in Portland, Oregon, during the week of November 13-18. Dr. Watters of Cowdenveath, Scotland, is Associate Professor and head of the Department of Missions, School of Religion, Butler University. Dr. Shelton of the School of Religion has graciously granted Dr. Watters leave to share in this week of mission teaching.

The Watters served for thirteen years as missionaries in India, organizing village schools, establishing an orphanage and doing medical work. Both of them were recognized by the British government for outstanding service in their missionary work. Dr. Watters served in many responsible positions for the Churches of Christ in Great Britain. He was chairman of the Foreign Missionary Committee, editor of the **Mission Quarterly,** member of the Home Missions committee, the Historical Committee, and the Hymn Book Committee. He was appointed the first general secretary of the British Churches in 1937.

The St. Johns Christian Church feels it is a great privilege to have these outstanding mission leaders with the congregation for the week. The churches in the area are invited to attend this school of missions also that more people may share in this rich experience.

As a special welcome to the Watters, on Monday evening, November 14, some of the bagpipers of Portland will be with the congregation to bring a touch of home for the guests.

ADDING UP THE ACTIVITIES OF ADDLEMAN

My last report closed as I was taking off to attend the World Convention and vacation. Well, it has all happened and I am back at work once more. We had a wonderful fellowship at the convention in Toronto. It makes us realize we are a great church with a world-wide fellowship.

We had a fine visit with Peter Solomon and his wife. They hope to spend next summer in Oregon. We will be able to keep them good and busy while here. It was my privilege to preach in the First Christian Church in Ionia, Michigan, where my cousin is pastor. This church was organized by Isaac Erritt, and it is also the home church of Dr. and Mrs. Dye before they went to Africa. I also preached in the Davenport Road Presbyterian Church in Toronto.

After convention we journeyed on for a tour of the New England States and Eastern Canada. We worshipped in the well-known Tremont Temple Baptist Church in Boston. On our return we stopped to worship in the Christian Church in Cohassett, Minnesota, and to our surprise Mr. C. C. McCaw, the retiring State Secretary of Nebraska, and Mrs. McCaw were there. We enjoyed a dinner and visit with them.

We visited with the O. D. Harris family at Kalispell, Montana, and then spent the last Sunday of our trip with my sisters in Spokane and worshipped at my old home church at Greenacres, Washington. The last four days have been spent in the time out for a meeting with the Oregon office trying to dig out. However, I took Council Town and Country Church Committee and a meeting with the State Education Commission. And as usual when in I held several office conferences.

Charles H. Addleman

OREGON CHRISTIAN WOMEN'S FELLOWSHIP

—By Edna L. Burke

The Christian Women's Fellowship District Demonstration Days, one in each district held October 4-7, 11-14 proved to be most successful. The host churches were Hermiston, Bend, Klamath Falls, West Roseburg, Corvallis, McMinnville, Vernonia and Englewood-Portland. A Model Program presented by local Fellowships was the main feature. The day began with a coffee hour at 9:30. The Ten Year Goals for Christian Women's Fellowship, the new Reading Plan, the Missionary Dollar, the Love Gift Project and reports from the recent World Convention held August 16-21, in Toronto, Canada, were some of the other features. Teams were made up of the district secretaries; Mrs. Marjory Moshier, state chairman of children's work; Miss Goldie Wells, former missionary to Belgian Congo; Mrs. Dallas Murphy, former state board member from Springfield; and Mrs. Burke.

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Mrs. R. J. Griffeth and your executive secretary will take part in the World Outreach and Christian Women's Fellowship Workshop Session in the Area Assembly in Spokane, October 17-19. Dr. Donald West and Miss Jessie Trout, members of the National Staff of the United Christian Missionary Society, will preside over these sessions. It is hoped that many Oregon people will take advantage of this stream-lined International Convention Assembly. An outstanding program has been planned. A copy of it was given in the September issue of this paper.

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The writer participated in the Annual South Idaho C.W.F. Retreat and Workshop held in Kimberly, Idaho, September 20-21. In Christian Women's Fellowship language, this is the most important annual gathering of the year in South Idaho. Worship, instruction, inspiration, and fellowship are stressed. Miss Gertrude Shoemaker, missionary on furlough from Belgian Congo, was guest speaker. Gertrude grew up in South Idaho; so it was really a Homecoming for her.

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Ralph Neill Presents Pamphlet at Toronto

TORONTO, Canada, August 16, 1955—Some 30 members of the two counseling committees for the Department of Public Relations, International Convention of Disciples of Christ, met in joint-session today at the Royal York Hotel.

One of the committees, the 14-member Administrative Committee, had met previously in Indianapolis in April of this year and outlined plans for the future of the Department.

Highlight of the day's meeting was the presentation of a suggested Public Relations pamphlet dealing with local church-newspaper relationships by Ralph C. Neill, Director, Department of Public Relations, International Convention of Disciples of Christ. "Particular emphasis of the Department at this time is two-fold," he explained. "The Department is attempting to give national brotherhod news coverage to the secular press; and in addition assist state organizations and local churches in strengthening their press relations," he added. He emphasized that church public relations seminars and workshops for local, state and regional areas are a definite part of the Department's plans for the future.

Mr. Neill explained that as the program develops, a greater emphasis will be placed in the fields of radio and television.

Courtney Swander Marries Lois Grimes in Oklahoma

Many of the friends of Courtney Swander and Pop Swander may not yet have learned of Courtney's marriage. Courtney was united with Miss Lois Grimes, former secretarial assistant in the department of church development and evangelism of the United Society. The ceremony took place in Duncan, Oklahoma, July 14. Both Courtney and his bride are missionary candidates of the United Society.

MEETING TODAY'S NEEDS

"We build that the children of this community may have the opportunity to be Christian." Such was the explanation given by a pastor at the dedication of a new educational building.

Our brotherhood faces a great responsibility in this, the era of America's greatest growth. New churches must be built, educational facilities expanded, additional teachers enlisted and trained, and Christian people of every community committed to face realistically the needs of today.

The brotherhood causes which are directly responsible for this advance, including the total program of Christian Education, State Missions, and other causes, are given support through the Thanksgiving offerings. Sunday schools and churches should order free materials from Unified Promotion, Box 5636, Indianapolis 19, Indiana.

First Young Adult Conference in History of Oregon Christian Churches Brings Promising Results

The first "young adult conference" in the history of the Oregon Christian Churches was held on Labor Day Weekend at the Friends Conference Grounds, Twin Rocks, Oregon. Seventeen young adults and program leaders registered for this new experience of fellowship, discussion and inspiration. During the weekend some others visited the various sessions of the conference. The following churches were represented: Mallory Avenue, Portland; Kern Park, Portland; Corvallis; Tillamook; Grants Pass. Suggestions and plans were made to continue this experience as part of the state program in Christian Churches.

The program was very informal, with no prescribed schedule, except as the delegates determined. Of course, meals were pretty much on schedule, because the conference was meeting on the same grounds with the Family Camp, and mealtime schedule had to fit the plan of Family Camp. Several discussion groups developed on such subjects as: **Our freedom of choice; A Christian's personal conduct; Marriage, pro and con; Young Adult Program in the State and in the local Church; Use of the Bible in the public schools.**

These discussions were enriched by the wide range of training and background of the delegates. There were teachers, college professor, students, nurse, dental assistant, machinist, ministers, secretaries, and a dry cleaner. There were times for fun, too, — nice cool dips in the ocean, group games, volley ball. Highlight of each day was the campfire period—singing, topped off with a devotional thought brought by one of the delegates. The Sunday worship service was held with the Family Camp delegates and was one of the highpoints of inspiration.

The concluding evaluation session was sparked by the desire to continue such an experience in the years to come, and the desire to help local churches get a young adult program started. These delegates are willing to help — and more plans will be coming in the future!

Robert L. Neal, Director

Lawrence Porter, Program Leader

Mrs. Merton Buffham, Program Leader

"As the Twig Is Bent" Filmstrip Is Missing

The State Office reports that it has lost track of the filmstrip, "As the Twig Is Bent." Mary Jane asks that anyone who knows where it is please return it to 603 Panama Building, Portland, Oregon.

Local Church Libraries May Purchase Books at 20% Off

New, low-discount purchasing plans for church libraries are being offered by the Christian Board of Publication, St. Louis 3, Mo. Representatives from the publishing house say the plans were made to support the Commission on the Promotion of Christian Literature which recommends that the emphasis this year be on church libraries.

At the request of the commission, the Christian Board is offering a $50.00 minimum bookshelf value at a saving of $10.50 or a $200.00 basic library at a saving of $42.50. A twenty per cent discount will be given to registered libraries on all subsequent orders also. To register ,a church library must purchase the $50.00 or $200.-00 library. If the library already has the books listed under those plans, the librarian may choose a bookshelf value of $50.00 or more from a third and longer list. Additional specially prepared booklist suggestions will be sent periodically to registered libraries.

Each registered library will also receive free of charge, a library manual and eight, two-color library promotion posters with instructions. Information on the new plans (including the booklists) and on library supplies will go in the mail the first of October. Free brochures will be available upon request from the Christian Board for church libraries which do not receive the October mailing.

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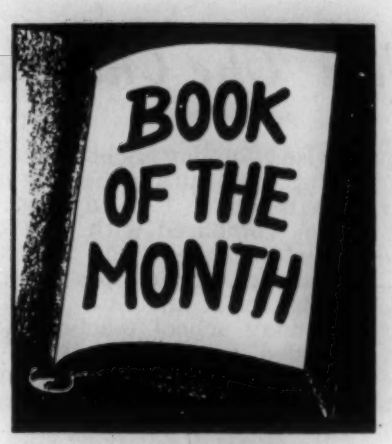
I want a used multigraph or mimeograph or small printing press with type. Must be reasonably priced for cash. Address: Mrs. Wanda E. Clark, P. O. Box 554, Springfield, Oregon.



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Selected for Disciples of Christ
by Jack A. Oliver
in cooperation with the
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Title: "GETTING TO KNOW GOD"

by John A. Redhead

"Getting to Know God" by John A. Redhead is not too profound to be practical for the average reader and yet is thorough enough to answer the deeper questions which most of us have concerning the nature of God, the ways of finding him and the manner in which he seeks to help us. Getting to know God is as simple as getting to know a person and the same techniques apply in both cases. "Inasmuch as our personality is composed of mind and heart and will, our religion is therefore our thought of God, our feeling toward God and our conduct in relation to Him. It is mighty hard to feel your way or to think your way into being a Christian, but any man can live his way."

Mr. Redhead gives to the commonly known attributes of God — His wisdom, love, providence, power, will, holiness — an interpretation which is helpful in our daily living.

The Wisdom of God means that "if we cannot always find the answers to all our questions, it is something to believe that there is an answer, and that God knows it. Meanwhile we can trust where we cannot see." The Love of God "desires the best for me and is willing to help me to have it." The Will of God is always for our good, and the Power of God is his ability to achieve his purposes. The Providence of God "guides free persons from above their freedom without interfering with it." The Holiness of God guarantees that we can trust him and not be disappointed and sets the standard for our conduct which means "we cannot honor the cross on Sunday and practice the double-cross on Monday."

The Triumphant God is seen through the cross, where the will of man ran counter to the will of God, and that very cross, by the manner in which it is borne, has become the means of uncrossing those wills and setting them in harmony once more. The Saving God, saves us **from** whatever is damaging to life, and **to** whatever makes for its free and healthy expansion. The Healing God is always on our side in the struggle between ourselves and our illnesses, but physical health is not God's main desire for us. The God of Comfort makes it possible for us to emerge from every trouble a better person. The Grace of God is the divine remedy which deals with the human disease called sin.

The book may be summarized in one quotation. "God never lets us down, he never lets us off, and he never lets us go — here is a word of strength for the man who is in deep water, a word of warning for the man who would play fast and loose with sin, and a word of hope for the man who thinks he is past all hope."

Price $2.00 — Available from Christian Board of Publication.

United Society Sends Out First Chinese Missionary

The United Christian Missionary Society has sent out its first Chinese missionary. He is David Wen-Tzong Luo who studied in the United States for several years before he left on April 26 for Thailand, where he is now serving. Mr. Luo is a citizen of Nationalist China and is supported by American churches.

Born in Linchwan, China, Mr. Luo studied at China Central University in Nanking before coming to the United States. Here he studied at the University of Wichita, Kans.; Brite College of the Bible of Texas Christian University, Fort Worth; and at Kennedy School of Missions, Hartford, Conn. While here he also was a popular speaker to many church groups.

Lotumbe Christians Give to World Missions

Christians at Lotumbe, Belgian Congo, have given 5,660 francs ($112) to world missions. Since the Disciples of Christ established a station there in 1918, the Christian community has grown to 24,000. For people so recently touched by civilization and Christianity ,the gift for missions to other peoples is an achievement in cultural and religious values. For generations, jungle education was toward mere survival and ideals were limited to the same immediate personal and tribal needs. The money is being assigned for the new Christian medical mission to the Kingdom of Nepal.

Around The State With The Churches

BEND: Church school attendance climbing since September 4. George Bever, son of pastor and minister at Allison Park Church, Eugene, was guest speaker, September 4. A new classroom for the senior high class is about completed. Budget is being increased over last year. A fine year is anticipated. The church year begins October 1. H. Cecil Bever, pastor.

CORVALLIS: Mrs. Robert E. Strippel has begun her work as part-time director of Christian Education on a volunteer basis. She did her undergraduate work at Bowling Green (Ohio) University, has master's degree in Christian Education from Hartford (Connecticut) Seminary. Her husband is executive director of the Y.M. - Y.W.C.A. at Oregon State College and an elder in the church. H. Lawrence Porter, minister to students at O.S.C., preached during August while the minister was on vacation. Mr. and Mrs. Claude Bryant attended the World Convention in Toronto.

McMINNVILLE: Two added by baptism, 3 otherwise. Elery A. Parrish will close his pastorate on October 31 after a ministry of four years and four months. There have been 245 additions to the membership of the church during his work there. The Parrishes plan to make their home in Newberg with dates open for evangelistic meetings after the first of the year.

EUGENE - FIRST: An All-Church Planning Retreat was held September 9-10 at Kitson Springs with a goodly number of the officers and chairmen present to lay plans for the coming year. Twenty six individuals, representing six families, attended Family Camp at Twin Rocks this past Labor Day weekend. Mrs. Ellen Stokes, reporter. Carroll C. Roberts, minister.

ASHLAND: Labor Day rally held at the Central Avenue Church. Southern Oregon-Northern California evangelistic fellowship was emphasized. We expect to have an evangelist on the field in the near future. O. W. Herbison, pastor.

LEBANON: Twelve members of this church attended the World Convention at Toronto. Two families were in Family camp and thirty-three young people and children attended camps and conferences this summer. A new Baldwin organ has been purchased and the sanctuary has been recarpeted. The local church planning conference will be held the last of September. A School of Christian Living will be held in November in cooperation with Albany and Corvallis. L. O. White, minister.

TILLAMOOK: Two added by baptism, 5 otherwise. Sunday School attendance has held up well during the summer. The average attendance for July and August was 349 as compared with 337 for 1954. Have abandoned the Lord's Treasury and are now using offering plates and have had a substantial increase in offerings. Thirty Sunday school teachers and officers attended the fall Workers' conference. Our five Christian training hour groups are hosts to the third annual Coast Union C. E. convention to be held here October 28-30. We began our 5:30 Fellowship Hour, October 2. Our Christian Women's Fellowship presented a program at the Beaverton Home, September 22. A 30-voice choir adds special attraction to our evening services. Aldis L. Webb, minister.

McKENZIE BRIDGE: In our revival of 12 days in May with Charles Richards, pastor of the Thurston Christian Church, his wife at the piano and Veltie Pruitt and son, Leroy, leading the music, we had 19 additions by baptism. The church has been remodeled, beautified, and enlarged. Nearly all the work has been donated by the men of the congregation; however, some important work was done by men of the churches in Eugene. Of course, the women were on the job with good eats. Frank L. Cook, pastor.

ESTACADA: Vacation Bible school has just finished with 25 attending and three teachers. Work on the parsonage is in full swing. O. Pearson, pastor, attended the World Convention at Toronto. Mrs. Pearson and daughter, Mary Anna, filled the pulpit during his absence. G. Ballou, reporter.

SALEM-GARDEN ROAD: Don Priest has been called to be pastor of this church. He has been working with us since the middle of May. The Bible school is showing a 25 per cent increase since July 1 and other indications of growth can be noted in response to his labors. We are in a contest with Woodburn and Lake Grove as a stimulus toward building up the Sunday School. The Tan Ditters are to be with us in November and in the latter part of the same month B. Ross Evans is to hold an evangelistic meeting for us. We are looking forward to a tremendous growth with the coming of fall. George B. Wright, reporter.

PORTLAND - SOUTHEAST: We are in the midst of a financial drive aiming at $75,000 for expansion of our church building. We are using the Sieman plan and $20,000 was subscribed the first week. Gene Chamberlain, minister.

SILVERTON: The pastor and his family attended the World Convention at Toronto. Another member of the church attended also. Twelve youth went to camp or conference this past summer. I. M. Nelson, pastor, and his wife served as counselor or director in three camps.

OAKRIDGE: A Chi Rho retreat at Crescent Lake with fifteen of our own young people, plus advisors, spent a day in fun, fellowship, worship and planning. A District Chi Rho rally was held in Oakridge, September 18. This church purchased lots for future building site, at a cost of $6,700, fronting on main street, adjoining present property. The Year of

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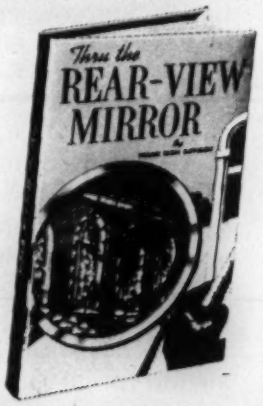

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Christian Education was launched at a fellowship dinner, September 25. E. C. Hawkins, minister.

MONMOUTH: Homecoming day was observed September 11. Julius and Virginia Fleenor, missionaries to Japan, spoke in the morning service. At a well-attended fellowship dinner in the church yard, Howard Holt, chairman of the Homecoming day committee, extended a welcome to Richard Owen, new minister, and to his family. Leslie Peterson enters N.C.C. this fall to prepare for the ministry. In recent weeks the Bible school has been conducting a panel entitled, "I Have a Secret," featuring Bible subjects to challenge the local experts.

MEDFORD: Entertained the Southern Oregon-Northern California evangelistic fellowship rally on Labor day. There was good attendance, fine spirit, and an evangelistic program was launched. Several of our youth entered college to prepare for special service. Mr. and Mrs. E. J. Gilstrap, ministers, have moved into a new parsonage.

WINSTON: Six added by baptism, 5 otherwise. Had a fine fellowship with Martin B. Clark. Building plans are in the process of development. Attendance is steadily increasing and interest as a whole is good. E. F. Coulter, minister.

FOREST GROVE: Three added by baptism, 3 otherwise. On September 3, 26 men went deep-sea fishing on a specially-chartered boat with good results. The same day the CYF held a car wash, with 28 cars washed. Recently the CWF held a rummage sale. Big plans are under way for a Missions Fair. Booths have been constructed and are rapidly being filled. Canning for Northwest Christian Home and White Swan Mission is under way. Elby Boosinger, minister.

DETROIT: We have organized the Bible school and Mrs. Jean Juhl is superintendent and Mrs. Alice Wright is secretary. A good friend gave us a new Ampro 16 m.m. projector and its use will aid very much in a work that starts virtually from scratch. G. E. Williams, pastor.

YAMHILL: Had a speaker from Oregon Temperance League in a recent evening service. Fall program is getting under way. We are installing hearing aids in the sanctuary. Robert S. Kuykendall, minister. **EUGENE - WESTSIDE:** Lynnton Elwell became the first full-time minister of the Westside Church in Eugene. He began there August 28.

SALEM — FIRST: Seven added by baptism, 4 otherwise. Six members of this congregation were in attendance at the World Convention at Toronto. A fall planning retreat for all members of the official board and members of functional committees was held the week-end of September 18. Wayne Greene, minister.

ASTORIA: Gene Swanson helped us with young people's work and served as assistant pastor during the summer. A new roof and other repairs have been made on the parsonage. A. D. Kribs, pastor. **SALEM - LIBERTY:** There was good attendance at the Sunday school picnic on August 28. Midweek services were resumed September 1. Wayne Bryant, pastor .

PORTLAND - SELLWOOD: September 11 was Homecoming day and promotion with good attendance. We have completely reorganized the women's work for this year with Mrs. Vera White as president for the year. Robert Clevenger, minister.

HILLSBORO: The Bible school attendance has averaged 363 for the month of August and the first two Sundays of September. We ended our contest with Lebanon victoriously, winning by a margin of 236 points. We have instituted the midweek dinner each week with the Bible study and committee meetings to follow, which began October 1. Rich Osburn, reporter. Ivan Correll, minister.

FRANKLIN: Dr. Guy Wright and James Stock supplied while the regular pastor was on vacation. Plans are being made for rally day and homecoming Sunday. Gerald F. Sawyer, minister. **CULVER:** Fourteen young people attended various camps during the summer. Ase Rice, pastor.

NEWPORT: Dedicated 100 new hymnals, **"Church Service Hymns".** Observed Homecoming day, September 11, with a good attendance and four additions. The youth work directed by Mrs. Charles Milbrandt is growing. We expect to start a high school C. E. society and a Bible school class for young married people. Ray C. Smith, pastor.

COQUILLE: The entire new building was ready for occupancy on October 2; Dedication day has been set for November 6. Held a meeting with B. Ross Evans, October 9-23. The church school average attendance remains above previous years. Two new students from this church are attending N.C.C. Walter Naff, minister.

MYRTLE POINT: Just about eighteen months ago this congregation met to talk of a building program. Their dedication was to building a parsonage first and as soon as it was paid for to enter into the greater program of building a new church. The parsonage was finished and dedicated and the minister moved in last Christmas. The Ladies Aid bought the paint and with volunteer help the church has been redecorated. There have been thirty-two added to the church. We wish to express our deep appreciation for the help that was given to the church by our evangelist, B. Ross Evans. We cannot forget his wonderful Christian spirit and the strength of his preaching. It is our deepest prayer that the church will steadily move on and that it will fulfill its ministry for Christ. Wallace Jones, pastor.

VAUGHN: Several people turned out Labor Day to paint the church. The front and one side were cleaned and painted. All but two of the new pews have been put together and are in use in the sanctuary. We were hosts to the Lane County C. E. rally, September 24. We won the banner at the singspiration held at Franklin. Herman Johnson, minister.

MADRAS: Fred D. Hatchell was called August 1 to be pastor of this church. Mr. Hatchell was formerly pastor at Yamhill before going to Indiana where he served the Pine Village, Indiana, Christian Church while taking some work at Butler.

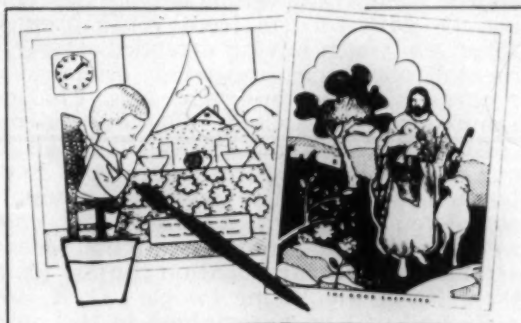
PORTLAND-MULTNOMAH: Ten added by baptism, 4 otherwise. Thirty-five young people and adult sponsors attended a youth retreat at the Wi-Ne-Ma camp grounds on the coast over the labor day weekend. A three-month "Christ-centered Crusade" was launched Sunday, October 2. Every sermon for three months will deal with the life of Christ. Evening sermons will be illustrated with a large colored chart. Ten new banquet tables and other equipment was purchased for the church basement. Zeta Girard, reporter. Leland Earls, minister.

PORTLAND - KERN PARK: The acoustical tile has been laid throughout our educational plant. Final plans are under way for the launching of two morning worship services and two morning schools. Ten people from Kern Park attended the World Convention in Toronto. Kenneth Johnston, pastor.

MILL CITY: Mrs. Edna Burke met with a young matron's group, September 13, to assist in making plans for a second C.W.F. circle. She was guest, also, at the regular C.W.F. meeting, September 14. The church board is being organized in a modified functional form by the new chairman, Robert Moore. Hugh E. Jull, minister.

WALLOWA: Four added by baptism, 4 otherwise. During pastor's vacation of six weks, Brother Hugh Lomax and wife, of Portland, did a fine job as interim ministers. O. W. Jones, pastor. **PORTLAND-MALLORY AVENUE:** Three added by baptism, 4 otherwise. Ordination service was held for Phil Calef on July 31. Six members attended the World Convention at Toronto. Launched the Year of Christian Education with a congregational dinner on September 21. Marion Nilsson ,pastor.

NYSSA: John Nesby has just closed his fine work as supply pastor, as the church has recently called Earl and Olivemay



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Hastings of The Dalles and Dufur to the work here as regular minister. The Nesbys plan to go to T.C.U. for graduate work this fall. We appreciate his fine work here and wish them the best at T.C.U. Dan W. Pennie, reporter.

EUGENE - UNIVERSITY STREET: We are starting a new calling program. Our living link missionary, Melba Rees, is returning to her work in Kimberley, South Africa, the last of October. A monthly fellowship dinner with special recognition for Melba was held September 14. Leo Woodruff, pastor.

HERMISTON: A weekly church paper sent to each member continues to be very popular. The annual church picnic had a large attendance. The youth group was host to the Pendleton CYF with 30 present. Plans are started for a new sanctuary. Mrs. Bernard Kendall, reporter. Robert Richter minister.

MOSIER: We have been working on our kitchen and hope to have it done soon. We are having the sanctuary painted also. We had a very successful DVBS with 58 youngsters. We had over 100 people at our mid-Columbia assembly with a very inspiring program. Jim Piper, pastor.

WILLAMINA: Men of the church put a new composition roof on the church building. A few of the Bible school workers attended the Bible school workshop in Newberg, September 3. Looking forward to good advancement in the fall program. Bible school and church attendance held to a good average during the summer. Elmo Black, minister.

PORTLAND - PARKROSE: Have begun two morning worship services. The church is meeting in the basement while the new auditorium is being built. Dallas Meserve, pastor. **NEWBERG:** We had a very successful Bible school workers' workshop, September 2 and 3, at this church. About 40 churches were invited. The attendance was good. Willie White, pastor.

DALLAS: Three members attended the children's workers retreat at Twin Rocks. As we enter our fall program we have changed back to having one morning service at 11; C.E. for all ages, 6:30, and evening service at 7:30. Our fall festival, including open house for the children's departments, hobby displays, collections, handcrafts and samples of our summer's work, was held September 22. A film was used to conclude the evening. Orville F. Mick, minister.

TURNER: We have called Gilbert E. Knox for another year. He is proving a great man for the Kingdom of God. Delbert Disbrow, who was recently called into the army, is hoping to preparing for the work of a chaplain. Delbert graduated from Cascade High School last spring. F. C. Stephens, reporter.

PORTLAND - FIRST: The second annual men's retreat was held at Menucha with Dr. John Anderson, professor of religion at Lewis and Clark college, as guest speaker. It was a very successful meeting with 60 men in attendance. Launched the fall program with the first board meeting held September 12. We voted to participate in the United Church canvass sponsored by the Portland Council of Churches, together with many other churches. Our expansion program is progressing on schedule. Milton H. Pearson, new minister of Christian Education, is on the job and is planning great things. Mrs. Louis Althaus, new church secretary, started August 23. A School of Christian Living (fifteenth year) started October 12. Myron C. Cole, minister.

OREGON CITY: Five added by baptism, 5 otherwise. Our new edifice is rapidly taking shape. Dedication day has been set for November 27. Elery Parrish will begin evangelistic meetings on that date. Finances have been far above anything previously known here. There is a spirit of expectancy in the church. The Bible school and morning audiences are the largest ever. Howard Hutchins, pastor.

ST. HELENS: Our special week arranged with Mr. and Mrs. J. M. Alley of Amity, August 21-26, was a great success. Each evening they gave an excellent program of sacred music on the chimes and bells and a slide-illustrated lecture by use of rare scientific pictures and famous sacred art. Their DVBS each morning won the hearty approval of our teachers and children. There were 100 boys and girls present the last day. Thirty-eight youth and adults were present for our annual youth retreat at Spirit Lake, Washington, August 26-27. Richard Osburn, youth director at the Hillsboro church, was guest speaker. Mr. and Mrs. Bill Sawyer and Mr. and Mrs. Dick Janes served as adult advisors. Ed Dewees has been secured as our director of Home Visitation evangelism, October 2-9. We have 13 college students and one in nurse's training, whom we recognized in "Go-to-College" service, September 11. Speakers were Jean Miller, a student at the University of Oregon and president of Christian House in Eugene, and Fred Brandenfels of N.C.C. R. L. Putnam, minister.

ROSEBURG - FIRST: Mr. Roger Carstensen of Phillips University, Enid, Oklahoma, and Mr. John Boosinger of N.C.C. supplied during the minister's vacation. Professor Ward Rice spoke at a church family night dinner. Five added by baptism, 7 otherwise. Newell Morgan, minister.

SWEET HOME: The church and parsonage have been painted. Six high-school age young people attended the Willamette Valley Christian service camp at Crescent Lake. E. F. Downing, minister. **PENDLETON:** Began our Year of Christian Education on September 21. Sandra Gray attended the International C.Y.F. commission at Bloomington, Indiana, in August. Church school attendance is well above last year. Donald Payne, minister.

BAKER: Seven added by baptism, 5 otherwise. Thirty-one young people attended camps at Cove this summer and 5 adults took part. The Sunday school is sending the superintendent to the national S.S. convention in Spokane, October 5-7. A full carload will be going. Plans are drawn for a tentative building program. Six young people enrolled in the Bible colleges to prepare for specialized Christian service. Joe Jewett, minister.

GLENDALE: Brother Alex Bowden made his confession and was baptized August 21. Our minister, Guy Armstrong, exchanged pulpits with the minister from Crescent City, August 28, for the morning service. Some of our members attended a meeting in Medford over Labor day concerning the organization of a Southern Oregon and Northern California evangelistic association. Attendance is gradually picking up. Ida A. Edson, reporter.

SPRINGFIELD: Professor Ward Rice is serving this church, ad interim. Bessie L. Moon, reporter. **GRANTS PASS:** Six added by baptism, 11 otherwise. Twenty-two youth and adults attended a CYF planning retreat at Upper Squaw lake. CWF sponsored a "Chuck wagon jamboree" on August 26. "Go to College day" was observed September 11, with 11 young people going to college or universities in Oregon, California, and Missouri. Robert Neal, minister.

NORTH BEND: Four added by baptism, 1 otherwise. Held a Rally Day September 11, with attendance more than double that of previous week. A film of missionary work in Korea was shown by evening missionary group, September 4, at evening worship service. Youth of church conducted evening service September 11, with reports from youth groups, 15 of our youth having attended. Departmental chairmen presented progressive programs for coming year. Mrs. Charles Dennis, reporter. Clyde Blakley, pastor.

BURNS: We began the construction of our new $40,000 Educational Plant, September 10. We plan to have the basement completed and capped before the cold weather sets in. The boys won a recent attendance and participation contest from the girls of the Young People's C. E. Society and will be entertained in the near future. Church and Bible school are progressing in a very fine way. Len B. Fishback, pastor.

SHERIDAN: Three additions by baptism, 4 by statement. Our Bible school and church attendance remained very good throughout the entire summer. Annual Bible school picnic was held at the

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JEFFERSON: Promotion and Rally Day, October 2, with James Whitaker of Longview, Washington, former pastor, as guest speaker. Pastor spent three weeks in youth camp work, nine young people from here attending. Fall schedule being worked out; attendance has been high all summer. Vern Gomez pastor. Mrs. Virgil Bailes, reporter.

FLORENCE: Three additions by baptism, 2 otherwise. Thirty-three youth attended camp at Crescent Lake and Wine-ma. Several adults helped at Crescent Lake, with the pastor serving as camp director for the high school week. The youth held car washes and made $115 to help youth attend camp. The church was host to the Lane County Convention, September 10. Highlights of the day of fellowship were messages by Don Blakley of Santa Clara and Lynnton Elwell of West Side Church of Christ in Eugene. C. Wayne Osborne, minister.

MILTON - FREEWATER: A Bible school attendance contest is being launched between us and the Kennewick, Washington, Bible school. Plans for the contest were made at a picnic on Sunday, September 11, at Sacajawea Park, when 40 of our people were guests of the Kennewick Bible school. Dr. Ray Hewitt and family were recent guests at our church, which is Ray's home church. Three hundred fifty is the goal for Rally Day, October 2. Seven of our young people are attending N.C.C. this year. A group of men attended the first District men's meeting at Pendleton, September 19. A ladies' group fastened rubber caps on all the chair legs in the basement as a project. Large group of young people attended "Mountaintop" at Emigrant Springs, September 18. Irene Warner, reporter. Truman Robbins, pastor.

McKENZIE BRIDGE: One addition by statement September 4 when Mrs. Stevens Cook took membership with McKenzie Bridge Christian Church. We now have 100 members and an average attendance of 112 during the month of April in the Bible school. Prof. Irving Elle is our superintendent. Mrs. Alice Rasmussen directs the choir. Frank L. Cook, pastor.

MYRTLE CREEK: Over 85 people — former attendants and families of our Bible school and church members—have moved away from the community within the past twelve months due to the closing of the big Umpqua Plywood mill. Interest and spirit continues at a good pace. Plans under way for the fall work. Monday, September 12, had a good men's "99" meeting. Dorsey E. Dent, minister.

HARRISBURG: C. E. group, sponsored by LeRoy and Gwen Hirshiser, enjoyed a weekend at the coast. A fried chicken and corn dinner was enjoyed by the Home Builder's class, which is taught by the pastor, Wm. Siefke. The missionary society had its annual election of officers. September 26 the church was host to the men's "99" district assembly; Lawrence Bixler was guest speaker.

PORTLAND - CENTRAL: Bud Grogan, who was sent to N.C.C. four years ago from Central to prepare for the ministry, has been called as associate pastor. We are also proud to announce that Brother Alvan L. Tiffin, who is presently ministering at the University Church in Los Angeles, will become the pastor here January 1. Special speakers this month include Frank Cuningham, evangelist, and Tom Dryden, a Portland Christian businessman, who will speak for Youth Night. A very successful Planning Conference was held at Troutcreek camp for the youth. Central was host to the district "99" men's assembly and to the Portland C. E. Parley, also in September. Eight members of the Senior Class are attending Bible College this fall.

PORTLAND - GLENCOE ROAD: We are starting services at 82nd and Glencoe Road, September 18. Church sponsored by Milwaukie Church of Christ. Royal W. Gardner, minister.

At the national Student Workers' Association Conference held at Lake Webster, Indiana, following the Toronto Convention, Dulcina B. Elliott (Mrs. Clarence H.) was elected treasurer for 1955-56, having served this past year as president. A simultaneous conference for faculty from our liberal arts church colleges was held, with great gains in appreciation of the church's ministry to students for both the Student Workers and the Church College Faculty group.

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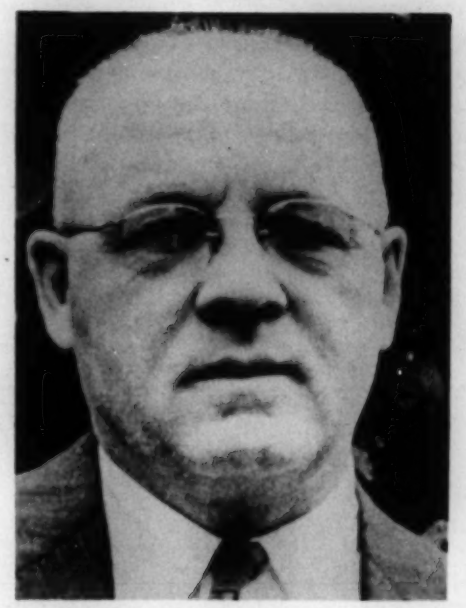

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